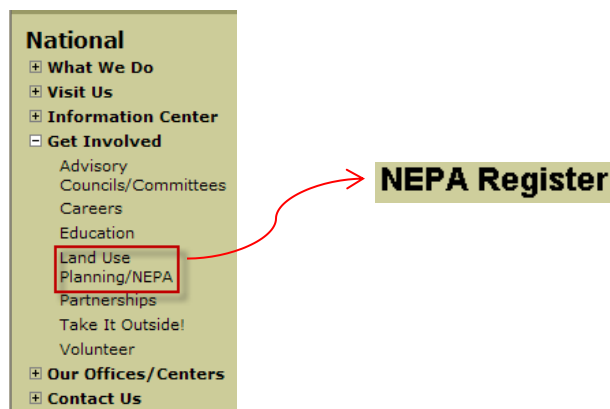# 1 Comment on the Interactive Comment Map in a Project's Public Website

Maps are an essential part of the NEPA process and are included in many NEPA documents. They provide additional information and serve as visual references for the public. Previously, the maps were only available in GeoPDF format. Now maps are also available as Web-based maps that allow for comments to be placed at a specific point on the map and submitted via the Comment Submission Form.

During an open comment period, these maps, along with the NEPA documents, are available as part of the project for making comments. Maps alone do not have open comment periods, because only documents can be assigned with an open comment period. In order to place comments at a given point on a map, it is necessary to view a document with an open comment period and then use the document comment process listed below.

1. From the BLM.gov home page, navigate to the **NEPA Register** (or the register for Land Use Plans [LUPs], **LUP Register**).

2. **Search** for the project using criteria to narrow the results. See the example shown below.

3. Click on the **NEPA Number** hyperlink of the project in the search results that you wish to view.

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4. Click on the **Maps** menu option in the left navigation pane. This will display the maps that have been published with the project.

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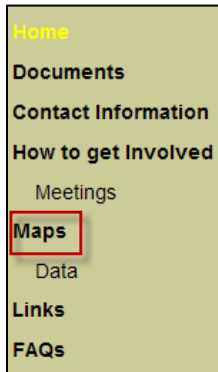
5. Click on the comment map you wish to view.

Comment Maps
NV EA Comment Map
Decision Maps
Test Decision Map
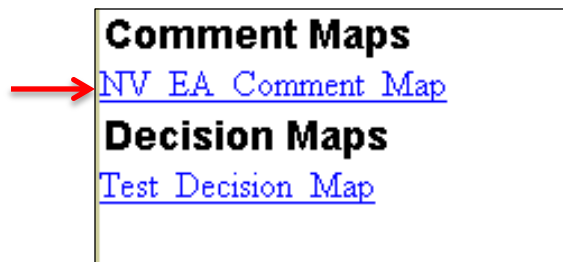
The below image provides a high-level view of the entire map page. Each section is marked and referenced.

- **Map Area:** This area is the map as defined by the NEPA project team.
- **Map Definition Area:** This area provides a map legend and map name.
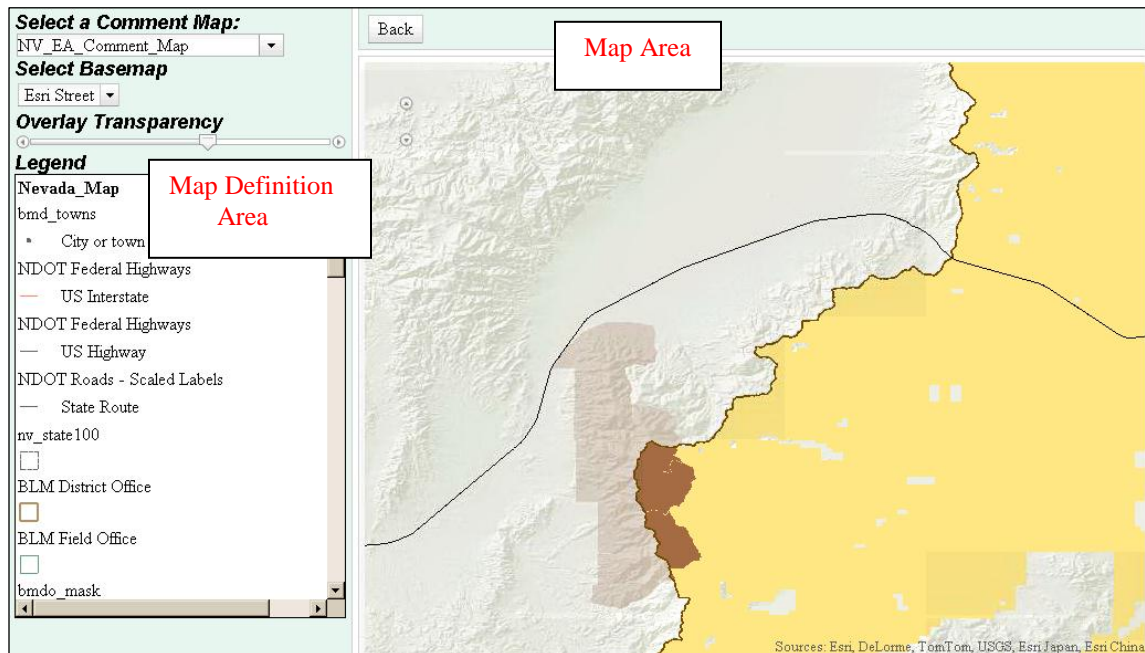
The **Map Definition Area** provides the following:

- **Comment on Map** drop-down: Click on this to select, view, and edit an existing project map. It is possible to select a different Web map from this page rather than returning to the **Maps** main page.
- **Overlay Transparency:** The slider allows you to change the level of transparency for the layers. This enables you to view the underlying basemap through the layers if they are more transparent.
- **Basemap** drop-down: This allows you to change the underlying map to either street view or satellite view.
- **Legend:** This identifies each layer and its corresponding color.

6. Click the **Back** button to exit the map and return to the maps page.

7. Click the **Documents** menu option in the left navigation pane. This will display the documents that have been published with the project and their corresponding open comment period.

8. Click a document with an open comment period.

9. Click the **Submit Comments** link.

10. In the Comment Submission Form, click the **Comment on Maps** button.

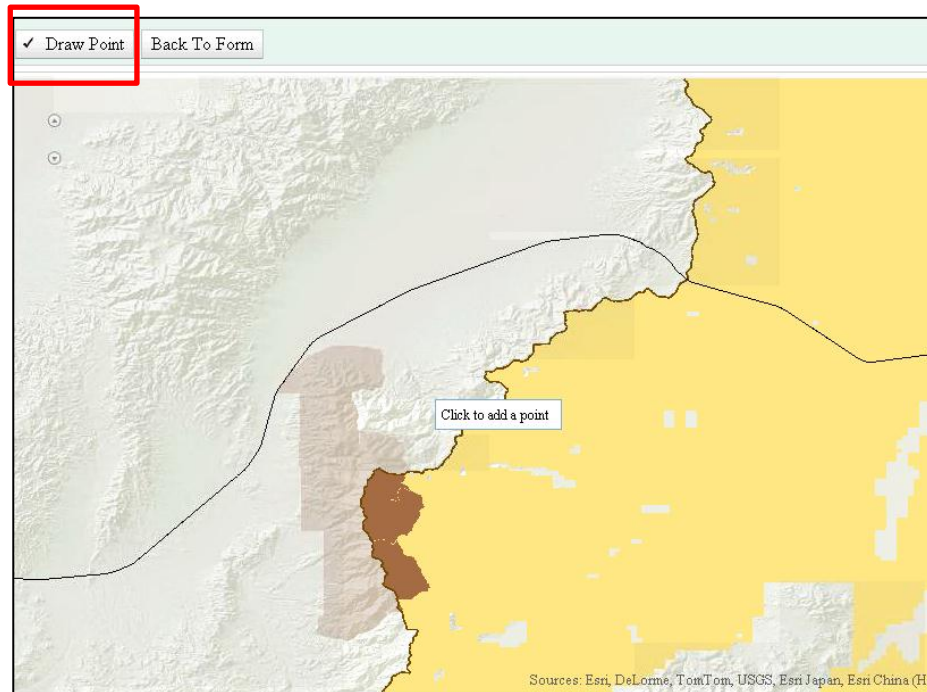(Click the [Comment on Maps] button to enter comments against a map.)

11. Click the drop-down arrow and **Select** a map.

Select a Comment Map:

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The map area will refresh with the extent for the chosen map.

12. Click the **Draw Point** button.

13. Click on the map where you wish to comment to launch a text box.

Enter Comment for Point

Save

14. Enter the comments related to the point you placed on the map. There is a 5,000 character limit for a map comment.

15. Click on **Save** to save the comment and exit the popup window. Press the **Esc** key to exit the pop-up window without saving.

16. Repeat steps 12 - 15 for all the comments you wish to enter on that map. You are allowed to enter multiple comments on each map.

17. When finished entering comments, click the **Back to Form** button to return to the text comment form. You must enter a text comment even if it is only to reference the comment points you placed on the map.

18. Continue through the Comment Submission Form as you would for any comment. Notice that at the top of the form, it notes how many map comments you have made.

You have entered 1 map comment   Comment on Maps

19. Map comments and text comments are displayed on the **Review Submission** page. Notice that you can still download or print the submission contents.

Submission

Names and Addresses
Mary ▢
Las Vegas, Nevada 89130 United States

Comments
Comment Number: 1
Comment Title: This location contains critical habitat to the desert tortoise.
Comment: There was a Desert Tortoise siting on 01/06/2013. Please see map for exact location.

Map Comments
Comment Number: 1
Map:
Comment: This location contains critical habitat to the desert tortoise.

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You will also see the same summary in the **Submission Acknowledgement** screen.